

### **Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace paragraph [0028] with the following amended paragraph:

[0028] The array 16 comprises a plurality of adjacent contacts 26 that are attached to each other by means of bridges sections 28 as well as the carrier 18. Some of the contacts 26 of the array 16 incorporate an IDC section 30 that provides termination to a cable signal wires 32. The remaining contacts of the array 16 are attached to the carrier 18 by sections 20, 22, 24 shown in Figs. 1 and 4C. The bridges 28 between each contact 26 are removed later in the manufacturing process making each contact 26 electrically discrete from an adjacent contact 26. [See FIGS. 4A and 4C]. Although the bridges 28 are removed the carrier 18 remains coupled to selected contacts 26 by sections 20, 22, 24. The contacts 26 that are attached to the carrier 18 create a common electrical interconnection called a 'bus'. This bus acts as the electrical grounding mechanism for the assembly. [See, for example, FIGS. 5A-5E]

Please replace paragraph [0032] with the following amended paragraph:

[0032] The method of terminating the drain wires 34 to the carrier 18 includes a forming and 'crimping' of the carrier 18 to the cable 12. Barb-shaped sections 44 [carrier piercers] are illustratively incorporated in the carrier 18. These sections 44 are pressed into the cable 12 so that the sections 44 pierce the jacket and create a retention mechanism to the cable 12. These same barb-shaped sections 44 illustratively pierce through the jacket 13 and the ground shield 15 (see Fig. 6B) within the cable creating a redundant grounding scheme.